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Squamish Nation billboards get OK

Official downplays concerns signs will be eyesores

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A proposal by the Squamish Nation to install six digital billboards in high-profile Vancouver-area locations has been approved by the federal government.

The most controversial spots include the approach to the Lions Gate Bridge, the south end of the Burrard Street Bridge and near the Stawamus Chief in Squamish.

The signs would be three-metres high by nine-metres wide and use LED lighting to display six advertising messages per minute.

While opponents of the billboards — including all three North Shore mayors — say the structures are eyesores that would ruin the natural look of the locations, the senior operating officer for the Squamish Nation downplayed those concerns.

"The one by the Chief ... we're building a gas station, a gaming centre, there's the highway, then there's a sign in a little plot of land that's not even adjacent to the Chief," Toby Baker said. "There are some billboards already on that highway — we're doing one."

He added there won't be a sign adjacent to the Lions Gate Bridge and that people won't even be able to see it from the bridge.

"The only one that is close to a bridge deck is the one in Kitsilano," Baker said. "It will be very close to the Molson (Brewery) sign that's already there."

Anita Bedell, spokeswoman for the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs, which approved the signs, said they did not look at aesthetics.

"In terms of the environmental assessment, its purpose isn't really aesthetics, it's more health and safety, if it's going to have an environmental impact in the area."

A driver's distractability study was also conducted.

Baker said the billboards are expected to generate millions for social programs for the Squamish Nation over a period of 20 years.

"My hope is they'll be on the ground by Christmas 2009."

Details

- The Squamish Nation originally looked at 28 billboard locations, but settled for six after a public outcry.
- The billboards will be operated by an outside advertising company and Squamish Nation will collect a fee as the landowner.

Few deaths from H1N1 anticipated

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SWINE FLU The H1N1 virus will kill eight to 10 people in the Vancouver Coastal Health region this fall, the area's chief medical health officer told Vancouver city council yesterday.

The number is considerably less than the hundreds of people expected to die from typical seasonal flu, which kills 4,500 Canadians every year.

Dr. Patricia Daly said the small number of projected deaths, which is based on extrapolated data from Australia, is because people 60 years and older are less susceptible to the virus.

"Because young people are more susceptible," Daly said, "there will be somewhat more hospitalization. But because they are healthier, we are seeing far fewer deaths than seasonal flu."

The Australian data is also without the benefit of an H1N1 vaccine, she added, which should be available locally by the second week of November.

The greatest impact on health services here could be the increase in hospitalizations. Admission to the intensive-care unit is expected to jump by five to six people per week, because young patients are more likely to survive being put on ventilators.

"It doesn't sound like very much, but there is not a lot of capacity in our intensive-care units."

Curbside composting coming soon

REFUSE Curbside composting is on its way to Vancouver, staff told city council yesterday as they unveiled progress on the Greenest City Action Team.

The composting program, which will be fully outlined in a report next month, would be phased in beginning next year. The food-waste collection service would first be offered to single-family homeowners.

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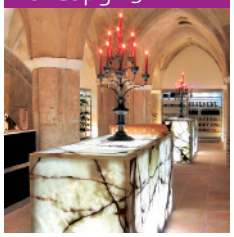

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Fashion — Kiwi style

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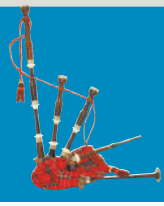

SFU pipe band might play 2010 Games

The world champion Simon Fraser University pipe band is still being considered to perform during the 2010 Winter Games or during the Cultural Olympiad, cknw.com is reporting. Robert Kerr, program director of the Olympiad, said the programming isn't done yet. SFU has won six of the last 15 world championships. METRO VANCOUVER

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Police ID woman found dead in home

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CRIME Police have identified a woman found dead in her south Burnaby home as a 38-year-old mother of five children, some of whom were home when she died.

A 44-year-old man was arrested at a gas station a few blocks from the home on 14th Avenue, shortly after police found the victim on Monday afternoon.

"Investigators have identified that the male suspect and the deceased were in an estranged relationship," said RCMP Cpl. Dale Carr.

"The deceased was the occupant of the residence along with her five children ranging in age from 16 years to three years. None of the children were physically harmed in the altercation."

Carr said he's not yet prepared to release the woman's cause of death or her name.

"That information may be released after an autopsy, which is expected to occur in the coming days," he said.

The suspect was expected to make a first appearance in Burnaby Provincial Court yesterday.

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Taxpayers pay $1.4M for tickets

Crown corporations snag 2010 purchases called another 'subsidy'

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British Columbians are yet again being forced to subside the cost of the 2010 Games after three Crown Corporations spent $1.4 million on Olympic tickets, says a spokesperson for the Canadian Taxpayer's Federation.

B.C. Hydro, ICBC and the B.C. Lottery Corporation say the tickets they bought will be used for promotions, according to a statement released by the province.

But Maureen Bader said it's just another hidden cost of the Olympics.

"Taxpayers, rate payers, insurance buyers and lottery ticket purchasers — who have no choice but to buy (from these corporations) — are now subsidizing, in yet another way, the cost of the Olympic Games," she said.

"They should be looking for ways to save money instead of looking for ways to funnel yet more dollars into these Games."

ICBC said its tickets were bought using money from the sale of optional insurance coverage only, while B.C. Hydro said its tickets are going to be used as prizes in an energy conservation program.

B.C. Hydro spokeswoman Susan Danard told CBC News that promoting conservation leads to savings in the long run.

Breakdown

- B.C. Hydro bought $616,000 worth of Olympic and Paralympic tickets.
- B.C. Lotto bought $396,000 worth of tickets, to be used for incentive programs for its retailers and suppliers.
- ICBC bought $405,000 worth of tickets, with 85 per cent going to brokers, collision repair shops, and suppliers.

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Reporters watch RCMP Chief Supt. Dick Bent give his testimony via a TV during the Braidwood Inquiry, in Vancouver yesterday.

Contradiction between testimony, email unresolved at Taser inquiry

BRAIDWOOD The testimony of three senior Mounties accomplished little yesterday to clear up an apparent contradiction between an internal RCMP email and what the four officers who stunned Robert Dziekanski with a Taser at Vancouver's airport told a public inquiry.

The inquiry into Dziekanski's death in October 2007 was brought to a halt in June after the email surfaced, with Commissioner Thomas Braidwood ordering a three-month break to investigate its contents.

At issue is an email dated Nov. 5, 2007, from Chief Supt. Dick Bent to his superior that suggested the four Mounties talked about using a Taser.

Yesterday, Bent stood by that email.

"Are you confident you did your best to record accurately what you were told by Supt. Rideout?" asked inquiry lawyer Art Vertlieb.

"Yes, certainly, these are serious matters we don't take lightly, so I would have done it to the best of my ability, yes," said Bent.

Still, Bent acknowledged there have been no other references to the officers forming a plan, even after the RCMP turned over 18,000 additional documents during the summer. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Luger wants red-clad fans at 2010 Games

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VANCOUVER 2010 Games

PATRIOTISM Olympic luger Jeff Christie says he hopes Canadians will abandon their usual humility for the next five months and wear red to show their patriotism in the lead-up to the 2010 Games.

Christie, who trains out of Calgary, said the Games have the power to unite the nation and inspire athletes on the field.

"I've been to a lot of hockey games in Calgary where it's massive seas of red, and I could imagine what players must feel walking onto that ice, to know they have people out there pushing them," Christie said.

"I'm hoping for the same kind of thing come Vancouver, that extra energy I can feed off of."

The Canadian Olympic Team has launched a campaign called Paint The Town Red, asking people from coast-to-coast to find unique ways to display their patriotism.

Suggestions include hanging red Christmas lights from porches, tying Canadian flags from car antennas or dressing snowmen in patriotic clothing.

Practice makes perfect for relay

TORCH The Olympic torch relay begins in just over a month but some residents of B.C. are getting an early look.

Games organizers are holding a practice relay today between Hope and Abbotsford.

The training event will cause rolling road closures between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. while organizers attempt to simulate a typical day on the 106-day relay.

"Our goal is to uncover any gaps and refine any overlaps to ensure we have the very best relay ever," said Jim Richards, director of relays for VANOC.

Around 150 torchbearers are expected to take part in the exercise, which will also include security officials, government workers and sponsors.

"Our goal is to uncover any gaps and refine any overlaps to ensure we have the very best relay ever." Jim Richards, VANOC

The actual relay begins on Oct. 30 in Victoria and will criss-cross the country before returning to Vancouver to light the Olympic cauldron to signal the start of the Games in February. THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

EVICTION A Gastown shop owner may be evicted for refusing to pay rent in protest of the provincial government moving homeless people into the suites above her store. She and several other business owners nearby said the new residents are threatening them and frightening away customers.

MURDER The sister of a Surrey truck driver murdered 11 years ago said she hopes the man accused in his death will confess and save the family the ordeal of a trial. Jeanie Fraser's brother Vic Fraser was killed in 1998. Gary Johnston was arrested in Montreal in connection with his death. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Vancouver writer has Kandahar hospital show in works

A Vancouver writer is planning to write a new TV series based on a Kandahar combat hospital. With the working title Combat Hospital, Jinder Oujla-Chalmers' show will be based on the daily activities at the Role 3 Multinational Hospital. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Emery's wife to take over business

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Canada's Prince of Pot is handing his crown to his princess.

Pot activist Marc Emery told a Vancouver business licence hearing yesterday that he was transferring control of his Cannabis Culture Headquarters to his wife, Jodie Emery.

"She is an exemplary person and she'll be an excellent business person," said Marc Emery, who was at city hall for a third day to appeal the city's rejection of his business licence renewal.

Emery is surrendering himself to authorities on Monday for extradition to the U.S., where he will plead guilty to selling marijuana seeds through mail.

Emery withdrew the business licence application yesterday in order to transfer directorship of the company, Avalon Sunsplash, to his wife, his accountant and his lawyer. The new directors could then petition for the renewal of the business licence.

Vision Coun. Geoff Meggs said the city had seven points of concern with Emery's appeal. The main one is that it is illegal for someone to run a business after they have been criminally convicted in connection with that business, he added.

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Jodie Emery, wife of pot activist Marc Emery, at city hall in Vancouver yesterday.

"Much of city staff's concern focused on a conviction that he has for possession in Saskatchewan a few years ago," Meggs said.

News in brief

CENSUS B.C. had the highest fertility rate in Canada for women aged 40 to 49 in 2007, Statistics Canada said yesterday. Births in Canada totalled 367,864 in 2007, up 3.7 per cent from 2006. It was the most born in 12 years. Alberta, Ontario, Quebec and B.C. accounted for 83 per cent of that rise. There were 43,649 babies born in B.C. in 2007, up 4.6 per cent from 2006.

VALLEY Environmentalists say the Flathead River Valley, a natural treasure in the northeastern U.S., is threatened by proposed coal and gold mining in southeastern B.C. They're asking UN environmental experts later this week to put some pressure on the province to stop the developments.

WILDLIFE The plan to dredge silt-filled Burnaby Lake today has been put off indefinitely, and the city's major says he's now worried it may never happen, cknw.com reports. The Ministry of Environment has yet to issue a permit to move rare western painted turtles from the lake.

ART A sculpture that doubles as a bench outside the Olympic Village Canada Line station is covered in gashes after it was used as a skateboard ramp, CBC News Online reports.

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Ex-KGB worker 'disappointed' bid to stay in Canada quashed

SANCTUARY A former Russian KGB employee who's been living in a Vancouver church since he was ordered to leave Canada almost four months ago has been hit with another legal setback in his bid to fight deportation.

In a decision released yesterday, a Federal Court judge rejected Mikhail Lennikov's application for a judicial review.

The Immigration and Refugee Board had previously denied Lennikov permanent residence and, in February, Public Safety Minister Peter Van Loan refused to grant an appeal.

In his 24-page decision, Justice Michel Beaudry dismissed the man's application to have the federal minister's decision overturned. He concluded there are no reviewable errors that warrant intervention.

"(Lennikov) and his family and his supporters are really disappointed ... and he hopes to be able to talk to his lawyer about the implications," said Russell Collins, a member of council for the First Lutheran Church, where the man has been living.

Lennikov has said he worked as a translator with the notorious Soviet spy service several decades ago, but denies he engaged in espionage. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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SFU researchers studying fainting among returning astronauts
Researchers at Simon Fraser University are studying why astronauts faint after returning from the International Space Station. The scientists say they hope their work will also have medical applications for elderly people who experience fainting spells. METRO VANCOUVER

Map shines light on positives of DTES

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A map of the Downtown Eastside created with help from area residents features the neighbourhood's positive attractions in an effort to counter negative stereotypes.

Colleen Boudreau, a DTES resident, contributed to the initiative organized by the Carnegie Community Action Project. She placed her own housing society on the map as a positive.

"Down here the main thing is the housing. And down here, women are more at risk," she said.

Boudreau added she fears that the neighborhood that offers her affordable living will be demolished in favour of expensive condos.

"Many families will not be able to afford the kinds of services and shops that would be down here."

CCAP co-ordinator Wendy Pedersen said she wants city council to keep the DTES as a low income-community.

"We are going to use the map as evidence to prove that there are good things in the neighbourhood that are worth preserving," she said.

The CCAP will be lobbying the city to keep pricey condos and shops out, while investing money in low-budget social housing.

Neighbours help catch alleged thief

CRIME Some may complain about nosy neighbours, but a bride and groom in Vancouver are likely very pleased about the scrutiny on their block.

Neighbours are credited with helping police collar an alleged burglar who targeted the young couple's empty home just one week after their backyard wedding.

Vancouver police Const. Lindsey Houghton says a woman living next door to the couple spotted a man walking through their yard on Monday evening and suspected a break-in.

She and her two roommates called police and kept an eye on the empty house, confronting the man as he walked out carrying two bags of loot.

The watchful trio then held the suspect until officers arrived.

Police say 42-year-old Patrick Gaston Groleau has an extensive criminal history and now faces a single count of break and enter.

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News in brief

SCHOOL BOARD The Langley School Board has decided not to fire its superintendent, Cheryle Beaumont, cknw.com reports. Under Beaumont's watch, the school district racked up an $8.3-million deficit, leading to layoffs of many teachers.

CONDOS The province's plans to make changes to the Strata Property Act is being thwarted by the Condominium Home Owners Association, which says it wants public consultation first, news1130.com reports. The association said allowing an unrestricted number of renters in new condo developments could cause problems, like grow-ops.

PARK Mountain bikers and BMX riders are getting a park in Vancouver to practise their skills. It will be located within Vanier Park and be free to use.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE Services to victims of domestic violence will not suffer from a $440,000 budget cut, says Solicitor General Kash Heed, cknw.com reports. Heed said savings have been found by re-organizing domestic violence programs, but front-line services to women and children won't be affected. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Coroner denies suicide report in boxer's death
The Quebec coroner's office vehemently denies a report that it has concluded boxer Arturo Gatti committed suicide. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Genocide a threat: Report

Canada urged to intervene to prevent fallout

Canada and the United States should recognize that genocidal disasters such as Rwanda threaten their national interest and they should be prepared to act against such atrocities, says a new report.

While the United Nations has made much of its new "responsibility to protect" doctrine, the new report says what's now needed is "the will to intervene."

The first step to creating that will is the recognition that the fallout from humanitarian disasters can reach across oceans.

"The chaos resulting from these atrocities poses credible danger to Canadian and American national interests at home and abroad," the report says.

Frank Chalk, a Concordia University professor, recognized authority on genocide and co-director of the project which produced the report, said the threats are obvious.

"Displacement and the creation of refugee flows denies people pure water, inoculation, vaccination, treatment, etc., and creates a vast Petri dish for the development of future pandemics and infectious disease," he said.

In a world linked by jets, contagion can leap halfway around the world in hours. "There's also the threat of terrorism arising from these events," he added.

The old idea that only a palpable, direct threat requires action, must be discarded, the 160-page report argues.

"We need to redefine our national interest more broadly, not only to help failing states, but also to help and protect ourselves."

It said Canada has to recognize that when all else fails, force may have to be used as the last resort to combat crimes against humanity. It recommends that Canada make prevention of mass atrocities a national priority.

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Toronto **Rocking out with the Rockettes**

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Max Mortimer and Kyle Drinkwater, both 9, get in step with Rockettes Jocelyne Levesque, left, Julie Tomaino, Laura Danelski and Kristin Jantzie at Sick Kids Hospital in Toronto yesterday. The iconic dancers will tour across Canada.

Harper wants green integration

ENVIRONMENT Prime Minister Stephen Harper says Canada needs to take an integrated approach to the climate-change issue with the United States as a major partner.

Harper is back in the Big Apple to kick off a string of international meetings focusing on climate change, trade relations and the economy.

The prime minister will attend a dinner on climate change hosted by Ban Ki-moon, secretary general of the United Nations, as part of a high-level UN climate summit also taking place in the city.

He says Canada's proximity and economic links to the U.S. demand a similar, integrated approach to climate change.

Harper was one of about 25 world leaders invited to the dinner to discuss environmental issues in the hopes of finding common ground before countries meet in Copenhagen in December to sign a new global climate-change treaty.

Harper also met briefly with New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg.

"We want to see a new, effective international accord, one that includes all the major emitters of greenhouse gases, and of course we're working very closely with the Obama administration on a truly continental approach," he said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Firefighters injured in battle against blaze
Three firefighters have been injured while fighting a blaze at a four-storey warehouse in Winnipeg. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Lacroix apologizes to his 9,200 victims

Fraudster in massive scam sends letter to TVA network

The author of a $100-million white-collar scam has sent a letter to his 9,200 victims, apologizing profusely and declaring himself "already dead."

Vincent Lacroix shocked a courtroom this week by pleading guilty to 200 fraud-related charges — a sudden about-face after the trust-fund manager spent years insisting he was innocent.

As he began what could be a lengthy prison stay, the former head of Norbourg Inc. sent a two-page letter to the TVA network bluntly fessing up to his misdeeds. He said he was devastated by the harm he caused.

"I was a megalomaniac and completely hypnotized," said a copy of the letter, posted on TVA's website.

> **"My children do not want to be seen in public with me. I am a dead man."**
> Vincent Lacroix

"I'm asking you once again for forgiveness 9,200 times over, but I understand your anger and your frustration, as well as that of the (general) public, against me ... You have suffered from my criminality and it's extremely difficult to live with."

However, Lacroix says he's puzzled that so much of the victims' money is still missing.

He said he financed many purchases with their savings before declaring personal and corporate bankruptcy. But he said much of the missing money should be with the bankruptcy receivers and that it should be distributed to his former clients.

He insisted he doesn't have any money left. Lacroix is already in prison, but arguments to determine the length of his sentence begin Friday.

He concluded his letter on a personal note.

"My children do not want to be seen in public with me," Lacroix wrote."I am a dead man.

"As I told a man who wanted to make me pay for the Norbourg scandal, you can hit me but you can't kill me. I'm already dead." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Lucky wife gets phone calls from outer space

DIALING HOME When Brenda Biasutti gets a phone call from her husband it's really a long, long, long-distance call that has travelled from a place without phone booths, cellphone coverage, or even area codes.

Biasutti, 51, is the wife of Canadian astronaut Bob Thirsk, who has set a new Canadian longevity record in outer space by remaining on the International Space Station since last May.

Other spouses might be forgiven for feeling a twinge of envy at the effort Thirsk makes to get a call to his wife.

Family

- Biasutti isn't the only family member who hears from her extra-terrestrial partner. Thirsk armed himself with a directory of cellphone numbers before blasting into space.

Biasutti, a mother of three, says she often receives such pleasant surprises at random moments in the middle of the day. Biasutti says she will sometimes be cooking dinner at the family home in Houston when a call arrives from her husband of 25 years. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Federal Court limits Afghan detainee probe

OTTAWA The Federal Court has curtailed — but not halted — a military watchdog probe into the high-profile controversy over Canada's transfer of Afghan detainees.

Justice Sean Harrington ruled the Military Police Complaints Commission can look into allegations that police didn't do their jobs when they failed to investigate officers' actions.

But Harrington said the commission's public interest hearings cannot delve into broader issues involving conduct of the military at large or federal policies.

As a result, it can't directly examine what other departments such as Foreign Affairs knew about the transfers.

"The Commission does not have jurisdiction to investigate complaints about government officials whether or not they are carrying out their policing functions," Harrington wrote in the ruling.

Amnesty International has complained to the commission that military police failed to investigate officers who directed the transfer of detainees to Afghan authorities knowing they might be tortured.

The government argued that the capture, detention and transfer of insurgents in Afghanistan fall under the umbrella of military operations — not policing duties.

Harrington agreed the commission was overstepping its bounds in planning a broader set of hearings.

Federal lawyer Alain Prefontaine welcomed the court ruling.

"It severely curtails what the commission can inquire into legitimately in relation to the failure to investigate," he said.

"I think that the court merely found what was plain to see." THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

NAVY The redesign of the navy's new generation of supply ships is completed, but it will still be next year before the Conservative government is ready to talk to the industry about building them. Vice-Admiral Dean McFadden, the head of the navy, said he is waiting on design and cost-estimate approval from the defence minister, which he was hoping to get by month's end. The process to replace the navy's two existing 1960s-vintage replenishment ships with three brand-new, multi-purpose vessels was scuttled last summer when industry bids came in way above the Conservative government's $2.9-billion budget. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Actual people gather to talk Twitter
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World

Death toll rises to 9 in southern U.S. floods

Neighbourhoods, schools and even roller coasters were awash in deep murky, brown water yesterday, and officials found a ninth storm victim who had been swept away from her car a day earlier.

Georgia officials warned worried residents to wait for the floodwaters to recede before checking out their damaged homes, and in Tennessee, a retirement centre was evacuated.

Torrential Southeast rains soaked the region for days, knocking motorists from cars and splitting at least one mobile home.

A Tennessee man who jumped in the floodwaters was still missing.

Washed-out roads and flooded freeways around metro Atlanta caused commuters headaches and hundreds of residents sought refuge in shelters.

About 120 residents of a Tennessee retirement centre were evacuated by boats and trucks and others were ferried from low-lying neighbourhoods and motels in a Chattanooga suburb as two nearby creeks continued to rise.

Georgia emergency officials said they were confident those in immediate danger had been evacuated, but were concerned about residents attempting to return to their homes too soon.

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News in brief

FRANCE French police razed a squalid camp used by illegal immigrants in scrubland near the English Channel port of Calais yesterday, using backhoes and buzz saws to clear away the dwellings. The destruction of the site ends the migrants' dreams of a new life across the Channel in Britain but signifies what France hopes will be a new era in European immigration control. People who lived there tried night after night to sneak across the Channel.

TERROR The U.S. government expanded a terrorism warning from transit systems to stadiums and entertainment complexes as investigators searched for more suspects in a possible al-Qaida plot to set off hydrogen-peroxide bombs hidden in backpacks. The warnings come amid an investigation centring on Najibullah Zazi, who authorities say received al-Qaida explosives training and was found entering New York two weeks ago with bomb-making instructions.

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Pittsburgh G20 draws protesters

MATT ROURKE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

AIDS activists demonstrate in Pittsburgh yesterday prior to the start of the G20 summit of developed and developing nations. The two-day summit starts tomorrow.

Teacher caught on video beating student

THAILAND A teacher was captured on film beating a 14-year-old student and bashing his head against a blackboard, sparking national outrage and pledges yesterday from education officials to crack down on corporal punishment in classrooms.

"Are you really going to stop!" the male teacher shouted at the student, gripping the boy's neck in a choke hold and whacking his head repeatedly.

"I won't do it anymore," the boy screamed after the teacher slammed his head at least four times against the blackboard as his classmates watched, occasionally giggling.

The beating occurred Sept. 9 at a private Thai-Chinese bilingual secondary school in Bangkok.

The teacher, 29-year-old Weerapong Pongchanoh, expressed tempered remorse at being "too violent for the public to accept."

"I feel terrible for what I did to my student," said the teacher, contacted on his cellphone. "But I knew what I was doing. I did not use excessive force to hurt him. Otherwise he would have started bleeding."

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Caught on tape

- The 50-second video clip, filmed by a classmate using a mobile phone, was broadcast on a nationally televised Thai morning news program.

EU fails to ban bluefin tuna fishing
A sharply divided European Union failed yesterday to protect the threatened bluefin tuna, as the bloc's Mediterranean countries refused to back even a temporary ban on catching the fish prized by sushi aficionados. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ESTEBAN FELIX/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A supporter of Honduras' ousted President Manuel Zelaya clashes with riot police in front of the Brazilian Embassy in Tegucigalpa yesterday.

Security breaks up Honduran protest

Baton-wielding soldiers used tear gas and water cannons to chase away thousands who demonstrated outside the Brazilian Embassy yesterday, leaving deposed President Manuel Zelaya and 70 friends and relatives trapped inside without water, electricity or phones.

"We know we are in danger," Zelaya said during interviews with various media outlets. "We are ready to risk everything, to sacrifice."

Heavily armed soldiers stood guard on neighbouring rooftops and helicopters buzzed overhead.

Zelaya, forced out of his country at gunpoint on June 28, triumphantly popped up in the capital Monday, telling captivated supporters that after three months of international exile and a secretive 15-hour cross-country journey, he was ready to lead again.

Interim President Roberto Micheletti's response was terse, pressing Brazil to hand him over under a warrant issued by the Supreme Court charging treason and abuse of authority. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Charges

- A Security Ministry spokesman said that two policemen had been beaten and 174 people were being held on charges of disorderly conduct and vandalism.

U.S. officials seek stronger laws on justifying terror surveillance

PRIVACY The Obama administration promised Congress yesterday to negotiate stronger privacy protections for Americans under terrorism surveillance, but insisted on retaining current authority to track suspects and obtain records.

Liberals on the House Judiciary Committee were left unsatisfied, clearly wanting the administration to go further and pledge to curb what they consider abuses of the Bush administration.

They repeatedly insisted that the law be rewritten to require better justification for wiretaps and subpoenas, and committee chairman John Conyers, a Democrat, even compared the Obama administration's position so far to that of the Bush administration. Congress is starting to consider changes in three expiring provisions of the USA Patriot Act, a counterterrorism law initially passed after the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks.

Patriot Act

Three provisions of the Patriot Act are expiring. They provide:

- Roving, court-approved wiretaps that allow surveillance on multiple phones. Law enforcement is not required to ascertain that a suspected foreign terrorist is actually using the phones being tapped.
- That businesses produce "any tangible things" at the FBI's request.
- Authority to conduct surveillance against a so-called "lone wolf," a non-U.S. citizen engaged in terrorism who may not be part of a recognized terrorist group.

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These three provisions require the government to seek permission from a special foreign surveillance court for subpoenas and surveillance. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

BUST Soldiers raiding a drug gang safe-house in northern Mexico found money-stuffed envelopes earmarked for various police forces and one marked for "press," authorities said yesterday. Four people were arrested and $5 million in U.S. and Mexican currency was seized during the raid Monday in the industrial city of Monterrey, according to an army statement.

RULING Mexican authorities said yesterday there would be no compensation for an Indian market vendor who was wrongfully convicted of kidnapping and spent three years in prison in a case that provoked international protest. Jacinta Francisco Marcial was released last week after prosecutors decided not to contest an appeal of her 21-year sentence. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Comment

May hopes third time is a charm

TheWestView

If there is a federal election this fall — and like the outlook for snow and below-freezing temperatures, the probability is high — one of the most interesting races will be in one of Canada's warmest, if not hottest, spots.

The federal riding of Saanich-Gulf Islands is in Canada's banana belt: The average January temperatures in Sidney, on Vancouver Island, 26 kilometres from downtown Victoria, both highs and lows, are above freezing. It's a nice place to come in from the cold, so you can see the attraction for Elizabeth May, the Green party leader who has struck out cold in two previous attempts to get elected to Parliament.

Three strikes and you're out usually holds in politics as well as baseball, but May has read the organic, herbal tea leaves and argues that a Green party candidate is more likely to get elected in Saanich-Gulf Islands than anywhere else.

At first blush, it makes sense. The riding includes that ultimate eco-hippie enclave, Salt Spring Island, not to mention Pender, Saturna, and Galiano, Gulf Islands, that have an exotic, almost mystical resonance to people living in Ajax or North Battleford.

Yet does May really understand what's she getting into? She recently rented a house in Sidney, so the evidence indicates she's been there, but as she walks down the main street, she can be forgiven for having misgivings.

For right in the middle of the "downtown" strip is planted the very permanent constituency office of Gary Lunn, the federal minister of state for sport. Conservative Lunn has been electable money in the bank since 1997, while the Liberals, the Greens and the NDP have split the centre, left and the environment vote into various fragments. As in the last election, the Liberals have recruited an environmentalist, University of Victoria climate change researcher Renée Hetherington, to muddy, if not foul, the waters.

And Sidney is the retirement capital of the retirement capital of Canada. Of the 11,000 people who live there, more than 35 per cent of them are older than 65 — 63 per cent are 45-plus. Sidney boasts six retirement homes, five cemeteries … and one rec centre. These people aren't big on change and that nice Gary Lunn will do just fine. One point in May's favour — they're all from somewhere else, too, so the charge that she's a democracy-busting parachute candidate won't work against her the way it did in Central Nova, N.S., scene of her last defeat.

I just hope she knows how to pour tea, lots of tea.

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Word on the street: Do movies have the power to sway opinion on hot-button topics?

Erin Ryan
age 18, Victoria

A: Yeah, celebrities are very popular, so a movie is not only on the big screen, it's everywhere, like in our corner stores and in our supermarkets.

Monarch Sharma
age 18, Surrey

A: Yeah, I do believe that movies have the ability to change opinions. They do show more in depth of what we don't know about, so I guess they could change your opinion.

Brandy Milne
age 32, Kitsilano

A: Movies can definitely change minds — they show different opinions and just puts them out there.

Randy Ai
age 24, Toronto

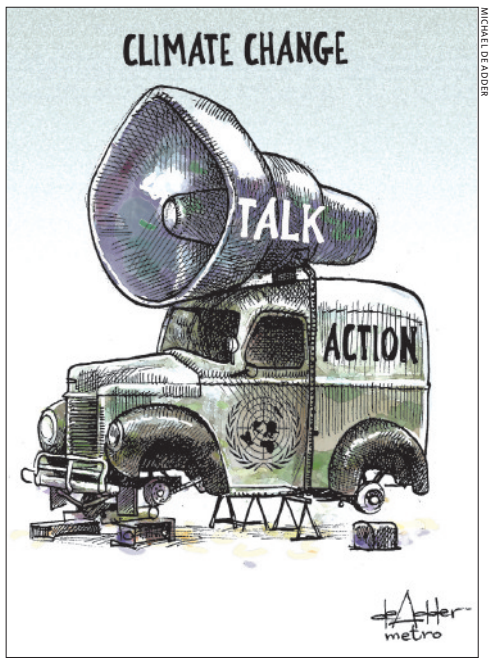
A: When they become really popular they can take an issue … and bring it to the forefront of public education because it creates buzz … It gets people talking.

Sarah McKenzie
age 28, Halifax

A: Maybe documentary films — if you don't know too much about a subject and you have a certain opinion — a documentary film could change your opinion.

Ali Al-Rewashdy
age 22, Ottawa

A: It depends how educated you are. I know a lot of people who will watch a movie and treat it as fact.



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Business

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Retailers score points with recession weary

Some of Canada's major retailers say the second half of the year is shaping up to be a positive one, and those companies that focus on promotions and lower price points are well positioned to take advantage of recession-weary consumers.

Jurgen Schreiber, CEO of Shoppers Drug Mart Corp., said yesterday the drug store chain has taken advantage of its Optimum rewards program to lure price-conscious customers during the economic downturn.

"Customers love Optimum, and in a recession they love it even more," Schreiber said yesterday at a Scotia Capital conference on consumer trends.

Sixty-five per cent of in-store transactions are now done using the card, he said.

Meanwhile, consumer product manufacturer Dorel Industries Inc. said the company's main products, which include child car seats, home furniture and bicycles, have proven resilient in the economic downturn.

"Our price points fit the times," said Dorel chief executive Martin Schwartz, speaking at the same conference.

The conference came as Statistics Canada reported yesterday announced the value of retail sales fell 0.6 per cent during July.

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CORRECTION Direct investors who trade frequently with RBC can achieve rates as low as $6.95 or $9.95 per trade — a huge savings over RBC's standard commission fees that start from $28.95 per trade. Incorrect information appeared in yesterday's Metro. Metro apologizes for the error.

COMPUTERS The worldwide personal-computer market is pulling out of its slump quickly and could defy predictions by growing this year, Intel Corp. CEO Paul Otellini said yesterday. Otellini's comments at a conference yesterday were more bullish than many analysts have been. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Facebook defriends Beacon program

TECHNOLOGY Facebook is shutting down its much-maligned Beacon marketing program, launched nearly two years ago amid fanfare only to generate a storm of privacy complaints over the tracking of user activities at partner websites.

Facebook agreed to end Beacon and create a foundation to promote online privacy, safety and security as part of a $9.5 million settlement in a lawsuit over the program. A federal judge in San Jose, Calif., still must approve the terms.

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Beacon program

- Facebook thought the Beacon marketing program would help users keep their friends better informed about their interests while also serving as "trusted referrals" that would help drive more sales to the participating sites.

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MLB goes to China

Major League Baseball is opening a development centre in China. The centre for boys of middle school and high school age is to open today at Wuxi's Dongbeitang High School in eastern China. The centre will provide baseball training and English lessons. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports

Bundchen, Brady sued

Two photographers filed suit yesterday against supermodel Gisele Bundchen and New England quarterback Tom Brady, left, for $1 million, saying they were shot at in April during the couple's post-wedding party in Costa Rica. The photographers accuse Bundchen and Brady of negligently hiring security for the party. Agents for both Brady and Bundchen declined comment. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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A changed man, Printers is all about patience now

CFL For much of his football career, quarterback Casey Printers looked like a man in a big hurry.

He was in a rush to be a starter, couldn't wait to go to the NFL, was anxious to prove himself again when he returned to the CFL with Hamilton.

So when Printers walked off the field yesterday after his first practice with the B.C. Lions, it was refreshing to hear him talk about patience and his willingness to wait for his chance.

"It is part of the process," said the 2004 league MVP, who has joined the Lions as a practice roster player. "When you've gone through all the things I have gone through, I've seen a lot and been through a lot.

"You have to be patient as a quarterback."

If you believe Printers, he's learned something from his failed attempt to land a job with the Kansas City Chiefs and two mediocre seasons with the Tiger-Cats.

He also spoke about having a better understanding of why quarterbacks like Ricky Ray in Edmonton, Anthony Calvillo in Montreal and Henry Burris in Calgary have achieved long-term success.

"I've sat back and watched," said Printers, who hasn't played football in a year. "I've tried to perfect the craft of being a quarterback outside of the field.

"When you've gone through all the things I have gone through ... You have to be patient as a quarterback."
Casey Printers

"That is the main thing I have taken away from watching those guys. The patience, and seeing the game the way they do. I've become a student of it."

Printers spent practice working with the second-team players. Buck Pierce, who is expected to start when the Lions play the Calgary Stampeders on Friday night, and Travis Lulay worked with the first team.

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Olympic sites work in progress

VANCOUVER 2010 **Games**

They were whizzing down the bobsled run and lifting off into space from the Olympic ski jump last year.

The venues that will be used by athletes at the 2010 Winter Olympics have been ready, for the most part, for more than a year.

But the modern-day Games are about far more than building a rink or taking down a few trees to build the perfect downhill run, and there are still a million details and a lot of construction left to make Vancouver-Whistler ready to host the world come Feb. 12, 2010.

The Olympic celebrations plaza in Whistler is a mess. Bright yellow construction equipment sits in a giant empty field, and workers on the weekend were madly excavating piles of dirt and rock as others carried 20-foot-long sections of orange pipe back and forth.

And down at Whistler Olympic Park in the Callaghan Valley, workers with pick-axes yesterday were working to ready the spectator viewing area at the bottom of the towering ski jump.

"Even GM Place, perhaps the most elaborate ice facility ever for the Olympics, still needs extra dressing rooms and all sorts of additions — doping control, security, you name it," Vancouver Olympic/Paralympic chief John Furlong told the Toronto Star in an interview.

It's manageable, but the work is taking place in a harsh economic climate nobody at VANOC figured they'd be facing as little as 14 months ago. Marketing had been a huge success, and officials were bringing in record sponsorship dollars. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Blue Jays **Walkoff win**

MARK BLINCH/REUTERS

Toronto's Aaron Hill is congratulated by his teammates after he hit a walkoff double to win the game against Baltimore last night in Toronto. The RBI was Hill's 100th of the season and the Blue Jays beat the Orioles by a score of 6-5.

Canada blanks Puerto Rico in World Cup action

BASEBALL Brett Lawrie hit the go-ahead home run in the ninth inning and four Canadian pitchers combined on a one-hitter in a 3-0 win over Puerto Rico in third-round action yesterday at the Baseball World Cup.

Lawrie, of Burnaby, B.C., belted a solo homer to lead off the top of the ninth, giving Canada a 1-0 lead. Chris Robinson of Dorchester, Ont., followed with a single and one out later, Adam Stern of London, Ont., drew a walk. Rene Tosoni of Coquitlam, B.C., followed with a two-run double down the right-field line to give the Canadians (2-2) all the runs they would need.

Nick Bucci of Sarnia, Ont., tossed five hitless innings for Canada, allowing just a pair of walks while striking out two.

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Sports in brief

SENTENCED Former Super Bowl star Plaxico Burress was sentenced yesterday to two years in prison after accidentally shooting himself in the thigh at a nightclub and later reaching a plea deal on weapons charges. Burress was indicted on two counts of weapon possession and one count of reckless endangerment and pleaded guilty Aug. 20. He had faced a minimum sentence of 3-½ years on those charges if convicted at trial.

TENNIS Former No. 1 Justine Henin yesterday announced her return to competitive tennis for next year. Henin had been retired for just more than a year, but at 27 she again has the fire and physical strength to compete for an eighth Grand Slam title.

DRUG POLICY NFL players have been warned the league's drug-testing program is still in effect despite commissioner Roger Goodell's ruling to delay suspending several players who tested positive for a banned substance. In a joint memo issued by the NFL and the NFL Players Association, players were reminded they will continue to be tested and "a positive test will generally result in a suspension."

BASEBALL The St. Louis Cardinals yesterday voided the contract of 16-year-old Wagner Mateo from the Dominican Republic after he failed a physical.

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MARINERS Jose Lopez hit a tie-breaking home run in the eighth inning and the Seattle Mariners beat the Tampa Bay Rays 4-3 last night, eliminating the defending American League champions from the post-season. Ichiro Suzuki had a two-run homer for the Mariners, who ended Tampa Bay's four-game winning streak.

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Arsenal takes down League Champ leader

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Metro Workology exclusive: Skilled Trades
For the month of September, Metro's Workology section will be focusing on the extremely lucrative and soon to be booming employment sector of skilled trades. So be sure to read Workology and metronews.ca/work every day.

Workology

Soccer team suspended

Carleton University gave its entire women's soccer team a two-game suspension after a rookie initiation party involving "excessive alcohol" and "embarrassing" drinking games left one intoxicated player taken to a hospital. Carleton's athletics director says the entire team breached the code of conduct set out by the athletics department. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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The nuts and bolts of carpentry and paint

Skilled Trades

JON TATTRIE
for Metro Canada

The skilled trades crucial to building homes — carpentry and painting — are in huge demand. While would-be tradespeople learn on the job in some fields, studying at college and doing an apprenticeship might give others an edge.

The Nova Scotia Community College offers a range of trades courses, including carpentry and painting/decorating. Dean Dort teaches carpentry at NSCC and says the demand is high for qualified carpenters; the course itself has a year-long waiting list.

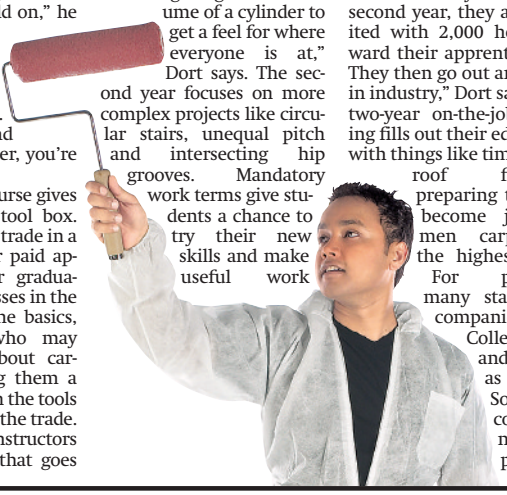
"They're not coming out of here as full-blown carpenters, but they are coming out with a good base knowledge to build on," he says.

"A lot of them, as soon as they're done school, they have jobs lined up. If you can't find work as a carpenter, you're not looking."

The two-year course gives students a basic tool box. They perfect their trade in a two- or three-year paid apprenticeship after graduation. Dort says classes in the first year cover the basics, taking people who may know nothing about carpentry and giving them a solid foundation in the tools and techniques of the trade.

"The first-year instructors start with a test that goes from as easy as two plus two to figuring out the volume of a cylinder to get a feel for where everyone is at," Dort says. The second year focuses on more complex projects like circular stairs, unequal pitch and intersecting hip grooves. Mandatory work terms give students a chance to try their new skills and make useful work contacts.

Skilled trades work in carpentry is easy to find, according to one expert.



"When they finish the second year, they are credited with 2,000 hours toward their apprenticeship. They then go out and work in industry," Dort says. This two-year on-the-job training fills out their education with things like timber and roof framing, preparing them to become journeymen carpenters, the highest rank.

For painters, many start with companies like College Pro and learn as they go. Some companies expressly recruit untrained staff and include a teaching as part of the job. Vancouver Island's Home Painting Pro promises a "comprehensive training program" to new recruits. It asks only for a good attitude, a phone and transport.

Formal training as a painter/decorator can be hard to come by, but Newfoundland's Academy Canada offers such a program. After students acquire the basics of the trade, they can work toward becoming journeymen painter/decorators after graduation.

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Work-life balance trumps pay: Study

RAFAEL BRUSILOW
for Metro Canada

Students about to enter the workforce are more interested in a good work-life balance than they are in money, a new study says.

The Universum Student Survey 2009, which polled more than 60,000 students in American undergraduate and MBA programs, found that 67 per cent of undergraduates and 58 per cent of MBA students consider work-life balance to be their No. 1 career goal, more important even than compensation.

Those numbers are a three-per-cent increase over last year's study, showing that work-life balance is actually growing in importance among students.

Careers in the government and with companies like Google, which already provide a wide range of non-financial benefits or are highly vocal about them, scored highest on the list of companies students want to work for when they graduate as well.

Kortney Kutsop, employer branding specialist with Universum, says companies that offer things like in-office gyms, flexible work schedules, tuition reimbursements, pet-at-work programs and negotiable days off are much more likely to hire and retain the next generation of workers.

"Employers are really trying to understand what this generation means by 'work-life balance.' They've seen their parents work extremely long hours and not get rewarded for it — they want to work 40 hours and have their employer meet their needs," Kutsop said.

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$14M for Queen's green chemistry centre

The Ontario government announced last Friday $13.6 million in funding for GreenCentre Canada, based at Queen's University. The centre will connect green chemistry discoveries in provincial universities with companies to produce alternatives to toxic chemicals. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Workology in **brief**

PAYCHEQUE TO PAYCHEQUE

According to a newly released survey by the Canadian Payroll Association, almost two-thirds of Canadian workers are living paycheque to paycheque. Of the 2,800 employees from across Canada who were interviewed for the survey, 45 per cent of respondents aged 18 to 34, said that having one paycheque delayed would mean they couldn't make ends meet.

HEATHER BUCHAN/ FOR METRO CANADA

Quagmire created with no retirement age set

WorkplaceLaw

Daniel Lublin

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When most Canadian jurisdictions recently eliminated mandatory retirement, workplaces across the country were forced to quickly adapt. With an ageing workforce, and compulsory retirement no longer an option, employers were suddenly faced with fewer options to transition older employees into retirement. As this scenario unfolded in courtrooms across the country, various lessons were learned:

This month, the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal ruled in favour of two Air Canada Pilots who complained that their forced retirement at age 60 was discrimination. The Tribunal initially rejected their complaints based on an exemption that permitted employers to retire them if the retirement age was an industry standard. But on appeal the Tribunal ruled that Air Canada could not properly justify the policy. The decision is explosive as it applies equally to all federally regulated employers, who will now be revisiting their policies.

Although there is no legal distinction between an older employee and his younger counterpart, workplace changes should be considered under the lens of the employee's ability to adapt. When B.C. lumber company, Lakeland Mills, took various steps to retrain 66 year old Kathleen Fisher in order to fill a vacant position, it did not believe it was forcing Fisher to retire. However, as mandatory retirement was still in effect in British Columbia, Fisher was concerned. When she couldn't master the new role, she spoke with the company president telling him she was being forced to retire. When he did not disabuse her of this perception, she left and successfully sued for constructive dismissal. The changes to Fisher's job, however minor, were magnified when her age limited her ability to respond to the new work or her employer's efforts to train her.

Employers are also unable to use workplace policies, such as pension plans, to subvert the legislation. Recently, the B.C. Court of Appeal found that 65 year old Stuart Johnson had accepted mandatory retirement as a term of his employment by voluntarily joining his company's pension plan and continuing to work for years with knowledge that the mandatory retirement policy applied to him. As Johnson's lawsuit was "grandfathered" under the old legislation, the Court did not find there was discrimination. However, today, the result would be very different. As every province except for New Brunswick has eliminated a retirement age from its legislation, employers can no longer force employees to retire without a human rights complaint or significant lawsuit.

Similarly, if firing older employees, employers cannot discount severance entitlements. If employers wish to terminate older employees, the customary employment law principles regarding severance will have to be considered and then provided.

READ THE WHOLE ARTICLE AT METRONEWS.CA/WORKPLACELAW

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President's pension problems
Alberta's auditor-general has ordered the University of Calgary to report on president Harvey Weingarten's pension benefits retroactively after the figures were left off the books for six years, starting in 2002. METRO NEWS SERVICES

MFPA lets disabled artists' minds soar

JON TATTRIE
for Metro Canada

Making a living as an artist during a recession is hard work, but one organization manages to build solid careers for a group who paint only with their feet or mouths.

The Mouth and Foot Painting Artists of Canada pools the talents of artists with disabilities across the country, puts their work on cards, calendars and other products, then uses the profits to provide a steady income. It's about self-help, not charity.

Cody Tresierra was 19 when a motor-vehicle accident left him paralyzed from the neck down.

"I felt devastated when I was first told that I would not get the use of my limbs back," the Vancouver resident says. "But after that, I just concentrated on getting on with my life."

He started painting as a form of therapy and his mother submitted his work to the MFPA. He was soon on track for a career in the arts. He joined the MFPA in 1986 and became a full member in 2000.

The artistic success spread confidence through his life. It helped him move out of a group home and into his own place. He also credits it with giving him the guts to propose to the woman who is now his wife of seven years.

Tresierra tries to find a balance between commercial demands of the MFPA and his personal artistic vision.

"I've done a lot of landscapes and I'm getting a little bored with them. I'm starting to do a lot more animals, a lot more people," he says. "Every quarter they catch up with me to see what I'm up to, but other than that they leave me pretty much to explore what I want to explore, and I really appreciate that about them."

James Parkins has been with the organization for 12 years. Based in Toronto, he explains that the MFPA started in 1956 as a way to enable disabled people to make money from their art.

Artists start as a student, meaning they get a stipend for materials, Parkins says. A promotion to associate member gets them on the products. Next step is full membership, which guarantees an income for life.

"It's irrespective of whether they have a degenerative disease and can't paint any more. That was the ethos behind the beginning of the company," Parkins says.

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Across America on algae power

A car fuelled by a blend of algae-based gasoline has completed a ten-day trip from San Francisco to New York City. The tour was sponsored by the Veggie Van Organization along with the support of algae-based renewable fuel company Sapphire Energy, and covered 6,035 kilometres. CANADIANDRIVER.COM

Metro Drive

Safety award winners

The 2010 Dodge Journey, Lincoln MKT (pictured) and Mazda3 have been named Top Safety Pick award winners by the U.S. Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS). To qualify for an award, a vehicle must earn a "good" rating in the Institute's tests, and be equipped with electronic stability control. CANADIANDRIVER.COM

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Concept looks at city mobility

The Mercedes-Benz BlueZERO E-Cell Plus concept.

ELECTRIC VEHICLE The near-series Mercedes-Benz Concept BlueZERO E-Cell Plus electric car combines environmentally friendly electric mobility in the city with unrestricted suitability for long-distance driving.

This is made possible with the combination of the battery-electric drive and a combustion engine.

The range extender gives the BlueZERO E-Cell Plus a total range of up to 370 miles, with some 100 km solely under electric power and thus free of local emissions. The electric motor of the purely battery-powered BlueZERO is combined with an additional three-cylinder, turbocharged petrol engine. Putting out 50 kW, the compact combustion engine is installed in the area of the rear axle and can charge the battery while the car is being driven.

The long combined range makes the concept fully suitable for everyday use and assures that the customer will reach their destination even with a depleted battery. The car can be refuelled quickly and easily at any normal filling station. FROM CARGUIDE

The Audi R8 5.2

Let the romance begin

PETER BLEAKNEY
for Metro Canada

I'll be the first to admit I was somewhat taken with the 2008 Audi R8. Beautiful, balanced, spectacularly athletic and motivated by a 4.2L 420 hp V8 with a song to melt your heart. So I was a little concerned that its purity might have been compromised with the addition of a slightly heavier V10 in the 2010 5.2 version.

Yeah, right. After some track time at Infineon Raceway in Sonoma, Calif., and a week behind the wheel of one here at home, I doubt that anyone shelling out $173,000 for this surprisingly comfortable, user-friendly, supremely crafted and blindingly fast supercar will be slapping themselves on the forehead and blurting, "I coulda had a V8!"

The mid-mounted dry-sump 525 hp 5.2L V10 screams to a racy 8700 r.p.m. and makes 391 lb.-ft. at 6500 r.p.m. While not as mellifluous as the V8, it has own unique aural signature.

Pile on the revs and it belts out a feral raspy wail that equals the ferocity of its thrust. One hundred km/h is yours in less than four seconds. The V8 version is still available as a 2010 model for $141,000.

A six-speed manual with the sexiest aluminum shift gate extant is standard equipment. The thin metal shift lever makes the most delightful click-clacking against the gate as you run up and down through the gears.

An optional sequential six-speed R tronic with paddle shifters ($11,500) is a mixed blessing. This uses single clutch technology, not the smoother twin-clutch type, and it can lurch in day-to-day motoring. Better suited to track work.

2010 Audi R8 5.2

Type: Sports coupe
Price: $173,000
Engine: 5.2L V10

Highlights

- 100 km/hr in less than four seconds
- Hand-built in special factory

As with the V8 car, this V10 version endears itself to the driver with its spacious and cosseting interior, magnetic dampers that provide a comfortable ride along with excellent body control, laser guided steering and a rear biased quattro system (85 per cent in the V10) which gives the R8 rear wheel drive feel and incredible grip in the corners.

This is a very forgiving car to drive — always up for a hair-raising blast yet never bites back or beats you up.

Standard with the 2010 R8 5.2 is navigation, fine Nappa leather seats and impressive Bang & Olufsen sound.

Standard with the 2010 R8 5.2 is navigation, fine Nappa leather seats, impressive Bang & Olufsen sound, and the world's first all LED headlight system. And instant celebrity status.

I felt like Sally Field at the Oscars, "They love me. They really love me." Actually, it was the car, but I'll take it.

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Who's distracted?

AutoPilot

Once the law is in effect next month, it will be illegal in Ontario, like it is already in Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and Quebec, to talk, text or email on any hand-held cell phone while wearing white pants.

Sorry, got distracted… Better turn this off…

The ban is actually on hand-held cellphones while driving.

B.C. will be next to join the party. P.E.I., Manitoba, and Saskatchewan are mulling it over. Alberta looked it over and said, "no thanks."

One can see why this issue is not a slam-dunk decision for many jurisdictions. For one thing, studies continue to point out that hands-free is not substantially safer than hands-held.

Even the Canada-based Coalition for Cellphone-Free Driving is not keen on hands-free legislation. Actually they are more than "not keen" — they are vehemently opposed to it.

"It's the conversation that's the distraction, not whether it's on hands-held or hands-free," says Dr. Louis Francescutti, the Edmonton emergency physician who founded the coalition.

Of course this line of reasoning falls into the "how can you legislate common sense?" camp. You can legislate cellphone use, but can you legislate other distractions in the car, like cheeseburgers, vanilla lattes, inflatable dolls, CD changers, schnauzers, you name it?

Technology also has a role. Consider Ford's SYNC system, a voice-activated way for drivers to use mobile phones and digital music players.

Kerri Stoakley, communications manager, Ford of Canada, noted that SYNC is designed to keep the drivers' eyes where they should be — on the road.

"Drivers are going to have conversations, read maps and directions, and listen to music while they drive — Ford SYNC helps drivers perform these tasks safer."

There's also the possibility that engaging in distracting activities while driving, will simply become socially unacceptable one day, like wearing white pants after Labour Day, or making mini sculptures out of ear wax.

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The 2009 Mitsubishi Outlander offers a CUV with a range of engines, drivetrains and trim levels.

Outlander gets job done

JIM ROBINSON
for Metro Canada

When I drove the second generation Outlander back in 2007, I noted Mitsubishi officials were calling it, and the Lancer, the most important cars in the company's short Canadian history.

When Mitsubishi arrived here seven years ago, it did so with a collection of vehicles that were lagging behind the curve.

The Outlander and Lancer set the tone for vastly different lineups of vehicles that have now arrived like the Eclipse Coupe and Spyder, the Ralliarts, the Sportback and the mighty EVO GSR and MR.

Along with new dealerships and new wares, Mitsubishi hoped Canadians would take a second look and it seems to be working.

The 2009 Outlander is longer, wider and taller than the previous generation primarily to offer five- or seven-passenger seating.

Seven-seat models have a standard under-floor stowage compartment and a compact third row seat that folds flat into the floor when not needed. Five-seat models also feature an under-floor storage bin. The second-row seat has 60/40 split fold-and-tumble seat backs that expand cargo capacity.

The second-row 60/40 seats fold independently and offer a 3.15-in. fore/aft slide range to optimize passenger room or cargo room.

When it bowed as a 2007 model, the Outlander was fitted with a 3.0-litre V6 but now a 2.4-litre inline SOHC four-cylinder has been added and found on the entry-level ES. It produces 168 hp and 167 lb/ft of torque. The transmission is a CVT with an adaptive shift system that lets the driver shift "manually".

Fuel consumption is rated at 10.5/7.8L/100 km city/highway for the FWD and 10.6/8.0L/100 km for the AWD.

Pricing starts at $24,998 for the ES FWD and $26,998 for the ES AWD.

The mid-trim level LS and toptrim XLS Outlander models use the same 3.0-litre V6 with 220 hp and 204 lb/ft of torque. Drive is through a six-speed Sportronic automatic transmission with optional magnesium steering wheel paddle shifters on the XLS model.

Fuel consumption here is listed as 12.0/8.2L/100 km city/highway.

Pricing for the LS starts at $27,998 while the Outlander XLS starts at $32,196. Tested here is the XLS with the $4,000 optional Navigation and Entertainment Package. It builds on the Sun and Sound Package adding a GPS navigational system, 40-gigabyte hard disc drive, seven-inch front touch screen monitor, nine-inch monitor for the DVD system in the rear and a back-up camera.

In the still red-hot Canadian compact SUV/CUV segment Mitsubishi has a story to tell and a very good product in the Outlander.

If you've thinking about something in this segment, Mitsubishi might not have been in your top picks, but it might just be worth taking a new look at Mitsubishi.

2009 Mitsubishi Outlander

Type: Compact SUV
Price: from $24,998
Engine: 2.4-litre SOHC inline four-cylinder (168 hp, 167 lb/ft); 3.0-litre SOHC V6 (220 hp, 204 lb/ft)

Highlights

- Longer, wider and taller
- Plenty of options

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Mexico travel stays strong
Despite concerns about Influenza A (H1N1), also known as swine flu, and drug-related crime, Mexico took four of 10 spots on a list of top fall destinations booked through Travel Leaders. Cancun was No. 2, Riviera Maya was No. 3, cruises to Mexico were No. 7 and Playa del Carmen was No. 10. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Travel

UNDERGROUND

A river runs through it

If you've ever tried to navigate the London Underground at length, you may have discovered the system isn't as simple as its colourful, iconic map would suggest. And the price of arriving at the wrong destination? A lot of walking, stair-climbing and explaining to ticket collectors why you bought the incorrect fare. So it's with trepidation that we note the new Underground maps are inexplicably missing the River Thames, a rather key piece of the city's geography. Next time we visit, we'll be hunting down an old map to bring along. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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5 hotels with holy provenance

These accommodations are a blessing for travellers

Left, a view of the wine cellar at the Convento do Espinheiro, a former convent turned luxury retreat in Evora, Portugal. Right, the hotel's Restaurante Divinus.

EMMA E. FORREST
Metro World News

You won't find a party atmosphere when you stay overnight at a convent or monastery, but you sure can't knock the experience for novelty value.

Many such institutions offer plain but clean rooms or dormitory style accommodation. Some may even expect you to join in daily prayer sessions or impose evening curfews, which is not ideal if you're looking for a clubbing holiday.

But not all holy hotels are austere and guilt-commanding; some are upbeat and wholesome health farms, others are now luxurious five-star retreats that benefit from the beauty of the building and surroundings.

Here's our guide to the hotels and hostels that could be the answer to your holiday prayers.

Convento do Espinheiro, Evora, Portugal

What was once a convent visited by royalty has been transformed into a super luxurious retreat, making splendid use of the building's stunning features.

There's been a convent in this location just outside the UNESCO town of Evora in the rustic surroundings of the Alentejo region of Portugal since 1458.

Nowadays the lodgings have been transformed into majestic suites and a gourmet restaurant is located in in what used to be the wine cellar. There are wine-tasting sessions in the cloisters and a beautiful church — covered in hand painted tiles and gold engravings — which holds monthly mass as well as occasional weddings and christenings.

The Convento has just opened its fabulously hip modern wing with rooms featuring contemporary art and designer furniture, and in the spacious but manicured garden there's a pool area that wouldn't look out of place in Miami. From about $360; conventodoespinheiro.com.

Marienkron Abbey & Hotel, Mönchhof, Austria

Since the 1970s, the Sisters of the Cistercian Order have balanced their daily prayers with a running a full hydrotherapy resort. These dynamic sisters offer a full wellbeing retreat at their convent, with upbeat fitness classes, medical diagnoses, aromatherapy massages, Tibetan meditation sessions, and vigorous runs and bike rides round their substantial grounds.

From about $98 for full board; see marienkron.at.

Le Couvent D'Herepian & Benoit, Provence, France

This 17th century convent, at the edge of the regional park of the Languedoc area in France, has been thoughtfully transformed into a luxury boutique hotel with spa.

Nearby, Garrigae Resorts has also transformed a monastery into a resort with holiday homes in the heart of the former friary. From about $190; garrigae resorts.com.

Convento do Carmo, Salvador, Brazil

The Brazilian city of Salvador is the heart of the country's mysterious Candomble religion, but this monastery was built by an order of Carmelite Friars in 1586. Now, it's the first luxury historic hotel in Brazil, and part of the Portuguese Pousadas chain — which painstakingly and tastefully transforms castles, palaces, convents and monasteries into unique hotels. From about $280; visit pestana.com.

Foresteria Venezia, Venice, Italy

This is a cheap way of staying in the heart of Venice with a view over the canal. Run by the Methodist church, and a stone's throw from the central square of St. Mark's, the accommodations might be basic but you can't argue with the location. The dorms are ideal for families, and there are doubles with en suite bathrooms for couples. Save here and you can splurge on a ride on an iconic gondola through the city. From about $35, including breakfast; for furhter details see www.foresteriavenezia.it.

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Hasselhoff denies drunk allegation

David Hasselhoff is looking to correct rumours that he was taken to the hospital after collapsing drunk over the weekend. His lawyer said Hasselhoff had a bad reaction to a medication, according to Exposay. METRO WORLD NEWS

Entertainment

On the move

Matt Damon is moving to California so he can be closer to Ben Affleck — both famous actors are currently raising young daughters.

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Trailer Park memories

Looking back at the hit TV show's funniest moments

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

Drug dealing, faking disability, excessive drinking, gunfights, pepperoni and a shopping cart stealing racket.

Who could have guessed that these would be running gags on the most popular Canadian comedy series of the last decade? In 2001, Showcase took a risk by funding a weird mockumentary about a group of loveable, low-level criminals called the Trailer Park Boys.

Today Ricky, Julian, and Bubbles are Canadian pop culture icons. The release of the gang's latest movie Trailer Park Boys: Countdown To Liquor Day was met with much fanfare, and since it will be the final entry in the franchise (for now), it seems like a good time to look back at some of the funniest moments in the history of The Trailer Park Boys.

1) Ricky Kidnaps Rush: Perhaps the most beloved episode of the series (for good reason) has got to be the one in which Ricky kidnaps Alex Lifeson from Rush when Bubbles is unable to get tickets to his concert. This led to a private concert for the boys and also helped transform the cult series into a nation-wide phenomena.

Best Line: "This isn't kidnapping, I'm borrowing you for a little bit." Ricky (while escorting Alex Lifeson at gunpoint)

Movie **feature**

2) Feeding A Dog Brownies: In one of the finest episodes from the first season, Ricky attempts to babysit his daughter and a neighbour's dog with disastrous results. Ricky ends up getting shot by his daughter and accidentally feeding the dog a tray of special brownies. The result was a hilarious and boundary-breaking 20 minutes that helped set the tone for the rest of the series.

Best Line: "The dog is on dope, you guys are intelligent." Sam Losco (veterinarian)

3) Know what I'm sayin?: One of the more beloved secondary characters on the series has got to be J-Roc, the incredibly white leader of the trailer park's hip-hop community who fancies himself the next Eminem. The problem is that he doesn't quite have the same skill or connections, but does have an irritating tendency to spawn his own catch phrases and run them into the ground. None of which are quite as entertaining as his inability to end any sentence without adding a "know-what-I'm-sayin."

Best Line: "Why you always counting my 'know-what-I'm-sayin's? Are you takin' a know-what-I'm-census?" J-Roc

Trailer Park Boys: Countdown To Liquor Day is now playing.

4) Conky: In season four the series had reached a new level of popularity and was awarded a larger budget. As a result creator Mike Clattenburg and co. made a season filled with ambitious and surreal plotlines that expanded the possibilities of the show. None of these new developments were as bizarre or memorable as Bubbles' hand puppet Conky, which seemed to take over the show's most lovable personality. A fan favorite and a series highlight.

Best Line: "Those were excellent negotiation tactics you used, Patrick Swayze." Conky

5) The Hash Driveway: In season five the boys decided to conceal a massive collection of hash by melting it down into the world's most potent driveway. Nuff said.

Best Line: All of them.

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critics'corner

Eastwick

There's a saying that God is in the details, but ABC hopes the devil is in the ratings with this new TV series adapted from the John Updike novel and 1987 movie hit "The Witches of Eastwick." Lindsay Price, Rebecca Romijn and Jaime Ray Newman star as three women in a New England village who are drawn together by a handsome newcomer (Paul Gross, "Due South") who unleashes unique powers in them. Sara Rue, Veronica Cartwright and Johann Urb co-star. 10 PM on ABC, VI

Mercy

Try to imagine "ER" with occasional dashes of the zany "Scrubs," and you have a pretty good handle on this new dramedy, which stars Taylor Schilling as Veronica, one of three nurses at the heart of the action. And she has plenty of personal action going on, with a controlling hubby (Diego Klattenhoff) at home and a charming doc (James Tupper) from her Iraq tour on the job. Michelle Trachtenberg also stars. 8 PM on NBC, CITY

Blackmail case begins in Bahamas

PEOPLE

Travolta

Opening arguments have begun in the trial of two people accused of trying to blackmail John Travolta following his son's death in the Bahamas.

The movie star is among the witnesses expected to testify but he was not in the Nassau courtroom as the proceedings began.

A former Bahamas senator and an ambulance driver allegedly demanded $25 million US to stop them from publicizing a document related to the treatment of Travolta's 16-year-old son. Jett Travolta died from a seizure at a family vacation home in January.

Eminem takes Apple to court

MUSIC Eminem's music publisher wants a bigger slice from Apple.

Eight Mile Style LLC is suing Apple Inc., claiming it never authorized the use of 93 songs in a downloadable format on the popular iTunes service. The publisher is alleging copyright infringement. A trial is scheduled for today unless a deal is reached.

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Doctors were warned

Three pharmacists cautioned against drugs

A Los Angeles pharmacist told reality TV star Anna Nicole Smith's internist that the drugs the internist prescribed to the model after her son died were "pharmaceutical suicide," according to unsealed documents written by state officials.

Smith's doctors were warned about prescription drugs by three pharmacists, according to unsealed affidavits obtained Monday by the Los Angeles Times.

The pharmacist refused to fill the prescriptions and later recalled thinking, "They are going to kill her with this."

The documents are part of an investigation of the role that Smith's doctors, psychiatrist Khristine Eroshevich and internist Sandeep Kapoor, had in her overdose death in February 2007.

The physicians and Smith's boyfriend and attorney Howard K. Stern pleaded not guilty May 13 to conspiring to illegally provide her with controlled substances.

A preliminary hearing is scheduled for next month.

In court papers filed last week, prosecutors said they plan to call the model's bodyguard and Larry Birkhead, the father of her daughter, Dannielynn, as witnesses.

The documents also cite evidence that both physicians crossed professional boundaries by having sexual contact with their famous patient.

Calls to attorneys representing Eroshevich and Kapoor were not immediately returned Monday.

The first request for drugs for the former Playboy Playmate came five days after her son died and asked for two sedatives, 300 tablets of methadone, a muscle relaxer, an anti-inflammatory drug and four bottles of a strong painkiller.

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According to unsealed affidavits, three pharmacists warned deceased reality TV star Anna Nicole Smith's doctors about overprescribing drugs following her son's death.

Locklear reprises Melrose role

Locklear

TV Heather Locklear is reprising her signature role as scheming Amanda Woodward on its updated version of Melrose Place, the CW network announced Tuesday.

Locklear will make her debut appearance Nov. 17 on the prime-time soap. The revived Melrose Place premiered earlier this month.

The 47-year-old Locklear joined the original Melrose Place in 1993, at the end of the first season. She stayed throughout the series' seven-year run on the Fox network.

No details were released on how many appearances Locklear will make on the series. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Ninja Assassin
(USA, 99 min.)

Trained since he was a child in the deadly art of assassination, Raizo (Korean megastar Rain) prepares to take his revenge on the mysterious Ozunu Clan. Director James McTeigue (*V For Vendetta*) cranks up the B-movie action until the severed body parts fly. <NINJA>

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Lebanon
(Israel, 92 min.)

The first Lebanon war—June, 1982. A lone tank is dispatched to search the remnants of a hostile town. Inside are four soldiers who are not eager for battle, but brave kids losing their innocence in the most brutal way. Samuel Maoz's debut is an intensely cinematic film, a personal immersion into the look, feel—and even the smell and taste—of war. <LEBAN>

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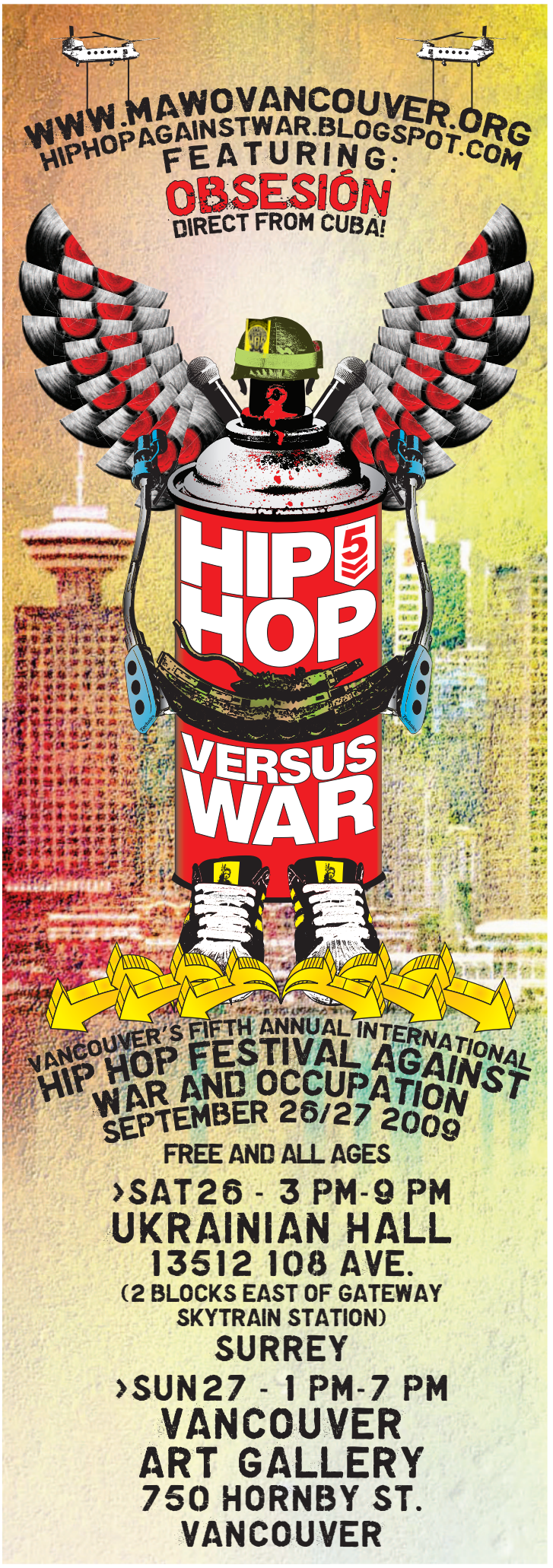

Khloe in a rush

Khloe Kardashian is not wasting time on wedding planning. After only a month of dating, the reality star will wed L.A. Laker Lamar Odom on Sunday, leaving time for a honeymoon before the Lakers preseason begins Oct. 7, usmagazine.com has confirmed. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

JT and Rihanna dating?

ILLICIT ROMANCE Justin Timberlake looks set to break a million hearts after he allegedly began dating Rihanna in secret, female first.co.uk reports.

Timberlake turned up at The Emmys without his girlfriend Jessica Biel, and though he told the press that Biel just had a cold, it's rumoured that the pair had split.

It's no secret that Timberlake and Rihanna have been friends for a while now, but one source is claiming the two are more than friends. According to a source for Heatworld, "Justin and Rihanna have been seeing each other for the past few weeks. He is really into her and it's only a matter of time before he dumps Jessica."

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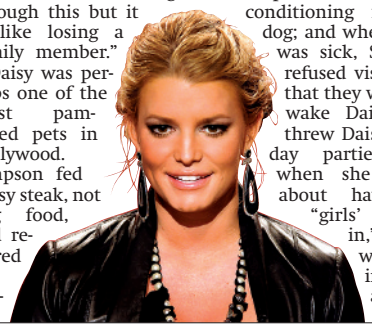
Jessica devastated without Daisy

LIFE PARTNER After losing her beloved maltipoo Daisy to a coyote attack last week, friends fear Jessica Simpson may be at the lowest point of her life, people.com reports.

"Daisy was her baby," one of them told people.com. "It's going to put her into a tailspin. It will put her into the worst place ever."

But another source close to the actress says she's coping better than her friends may realize.

"She's really upset, but she's not spiralling out of control by any means," this source said. "She'll get through this but it is like losing a family member."



Daisy was perhaps one of the most pampered pets in Hollywood. Simpson fed Daisy steak, not dog food, and referred to herself as "Daisy's Mommy." When leaving the house, Simpson left on the air-conditioning for her dog; and when Daisy was sick, Simpson refused visitors so that they wouldn't wake Daisy. She threw Daisy birthday parties, and when she talked about having a "girls' night in," she was talking about herself and Daisy.

Whenever she was out at night, Simpson called home and had "someone put Daisy on the phone so she could say goodnight."

"Jessica has a very small inner circle," the friend said. "But she always had Daisy. Daisy gave her unconditional love."

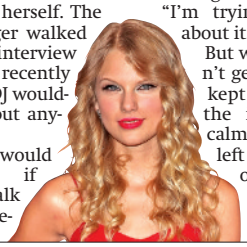
All of the sources agreed on one point: It's been a tough year for Jessica Simpson.

"I want her to catch a break," the first friend said. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Can we change the subject?

HOW RUDE No one is more tired of talking about Kanye West's interruption of Taylor Swift at the VMAs than Swift herself. The young singer walked out of an interview in Florida recently when the DJ wouldn't ask about anything else.

"I really would appreciate if we could talk about something else, because I've asked you three times now," Swift pleaded, according to Hollyscoop. "I'm trying to be nice about it."



But when the DJ didn't get the point and kept asking about the incident, Swift calmly stood up and left the studio without a word.

METRO WORLD NEWS

I still love the old Jon: Kate

PINING FOR THE PAST Kate Gosselin still loves Jon — but not the man she knows now, people.com reports.

"I miss Jon, the Jon I used to know," she told the audience at the Southern Women's Show in Charlotte, N.C., on Thursday.

She also opened up to the crowd of 700 about her failed marriage, adds us magazine.com.

When a woman told Gosselin she identifies with her because she recently split with her boyfriend, Gosselin told her, "I don't think you want to talk to me about boyfriends or breaking up."

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Suri's girly sartorial sense

LITTLE ADULT My, how she's growing! Suri Cruise, three, retained her chic child status Monday, sporting a pair of high heels while shopping with mom Katie Holmes in Boston, usmagazine.com reports.

"Suri's very much like her mother," dad Tom Cruise told Hello! last year. "She will not wear trousers, only dresses.

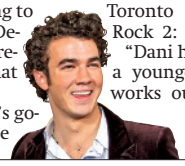
"The other day, Kate showed her some gold-coloured sneakers," he added. "She looked at them and said, 'Oh mommy, these are lovely, but they're boy shoes.'"

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Brothers tapped as best men

PRE-WEDDING PLANS Kevin Jonas has chosen a best man for his wedding to fiancée Danielle Deleasa, people.com reports — make that best men.

"I decided that it's going to be both Joe and Nick," Kevin, 21, confirmed to People on the Toronto set of Camp Rock 2: The Final Jam. "Dani has an older and a younger sister, so it works out really well."



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Celebrity tweets

Lindsay Lohan doesn't approve of Samantha Ronson's activities, Kirstie Alley is filling up her week, and Ashton Kutcher tries to get some perspective.

- @sevinnyne6126 Nice to see @samantharonson has found a party rather than being honest
- @kirstiealley I start,tomorrow, dancing 2 hours a day..YAY...2 days a week. 2 days circuit training and swimming and 2 days hiking and biking..I'm READY!!
- @aplusk If we all threw our problems in a pile and saw everyone else's, we'd grab ours back.

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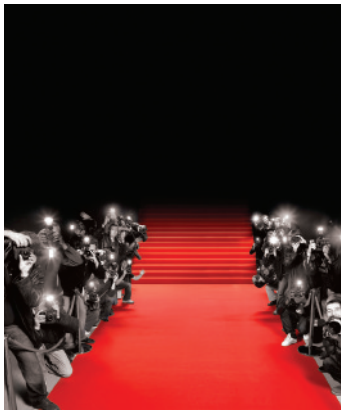

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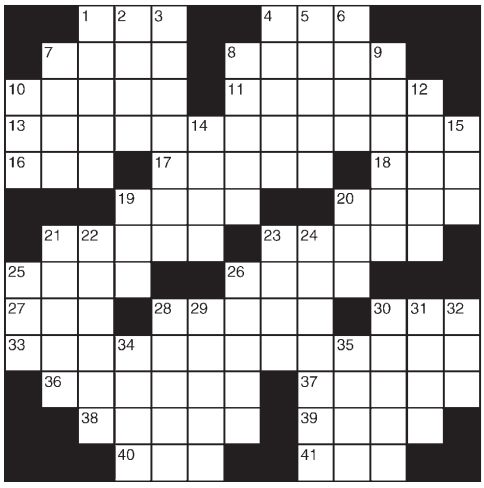

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10 Bert's roomie
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Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

	3	4	8					
6				9				2
				6				1
3		2			6		9	
8	9						3	4
	6		1			7		8
7				5				
1				4				6
					7	2	5	

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

A	M	I	D	■	C	B	S	■
B	A	R	E	■	A	R	E	■
E	X	A	M	■	D	A	T	E
L	I	N	E	D	R	Y	■	A
■	■	■	A	Y	E	■	U	S
P	L	A	N	E	■	D	R	Y
E	O	N	■	■	S	O	L	■
R	U	N	S	O	U	T	■	A
■	■	■	O	W	N	■	G	N
A	P	A	C	E	■	O	U	T
B	A	C	K	D	A	T	E	■
L	I	T	E	■	H	I	S	■
E	R	S	T	■	A	S	S	■

C	A	P	O	4	7	2	9	1
A	R	I	D	8	5	9	2	7
N	E	■	■	6	1	3	4	8
■	■	■	F	7	2	6	1	3
■	■	■	O	9	3	5	6	4
F	O	E	■	1	8	4	5	9
A	R	O	S	E	2	4	8	3
G	N	U	■	■	3	9	1	7
U	T	B	A	C	K	5	6	7
■	B	L	U	E	■	■	■	■
■	E	S	P	Y	■	■	■	■
R	O	S	S	■	■	■	■	■

6	8	5	3	4	7	2	9	1
6	4	1	8	5	9	2	7	3
7	2	9	6	1	3	4	8	5
4	9	5	7	2	6	1	3	8
1	7	8	4	9	5	6	2	3
9	6	7	2	3	1	8	5	4
3	5	2	1	8	4	9	6	7
8	1	4	9	6	2	3	7	5
5	3	6	5	7	8	2	4	9

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Metro Recipe of the Day

Cider Beef Stew

INGREDIENTS:

2 lbs (1 kg) beef stew meat, cut into 1-in. (2.5 cm) cubes
2 tbsp (25 mL) canola oil
3 cups (750 mL) apple cider or juice
2 tbsp (25 mL) cider vinegar
2 tsp (10 mL) salt, optional
1/4 to 1/2 tsp (1 to 2 mL) dried thyme
1/4 tsp (1 mL) pepper
3 medium potatoes, peeled and cubed
4 medium carrots, cut into 3/4-in. (2 cm) pieces
3 celery ribs, cut into 3/4-in. (2 cm) pieces
2 medium onions, cut into wedges
1/4 cup (50 mL) all-purpose flour
1/4 cup (50 mL) water

METHOD:

1. In Dutch oven, brown beef on all sides in oil over medium-high heat; drain. Add cider, vinegar, salt if desired, thyme and pepper; bring to boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer 1 1/4 hours.
2. Add potatoes, carrots, celery and onions; return to boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer 30-35 minutes or until beef and vegetables are tender.
3. Combine flour and water until smooth; stir into stew. Bring to boil; cook and stir 2 minutes or until slightly thickened.

SERVES 8

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Today's Mars-Jupiter link-up is full of potential, especially if you are the sort of Aries who acts fast and likes to be first.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Make sure you listen to both sides of the story you are about to be told. Be aware of all viewpoints.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Seek out people who know how to enjoy themselves and avoid those who seem to carry the weight of the world on their shoulders.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
You may be behind in your work and you may have fallen short of your aims, but what of it? Life isn't just about earning a living and getting ahead.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
The Sun, your ruler, and power planet Pluto form an explosive angle today, but you need to know what you are capable of.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
There is not much point trying to deny that you have made a mess of something because everyone can see the less than impressive results.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Is a certain person's optimism justified? Maybe, maybe not, but what happens today will convince you that it is better to be positive in your outlook.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
Strive to make an impression on powerful people — even if you are the sort of Scorpio who does not like to draw attention to yourself.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
There is precious little you cannot do today. With Jupiter, your ruler, linked to fiery Mars your energy and enthusiasm make all things possible.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
If you push your luck too far the powers that be will not be amused, and you won't be laughing either when you have to pay a penalty of some sort.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
You need to have faith in people today, especially if you are one of those Aquarians who looks at the world as if it is hoping to cheat you.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Today's Mars-Jupiter link-up will do wonders for your self-belief and you will most likely attempt something you were too afraid to try in the past.

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1. Rear blue birds or Toronto players (1)
2. Picket-line crossers' taxis (1)
3. Wed CNN talk-show host King (2)
4. More lowdown Indy 500 competitor (2)
5. Mr. Munster's Sunday church talks (2)
6. Devilish one primped (1)
7. Outlawing a cashier's laser reading (2)

ANSWERS
1. RAISE JAYS 2. SCABS CARS 3. MARRY LARRY 4. BASER RACER 5. HEBRANS SERMONS 6. FIEND PREENED 7. BANNING SCANNING

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